

A STARTLING DISPATCH

An American Man-of-War Said to Have Been Sunk,

BY A TORPEDO FROM THE OLGA.

The American Vessel Declared to Have First
Opened Fire on the German War-Ship—
The Report Lacks Confirmation.

SAN FRANCISCO, March 7.—The Examiner to-morrow will print, with the greatest prominence, the following telegram from Breslau, Germany: The Schlesischer Zeitung prints

the following dispatch from Samoa: The German frigate Olga has bombarded Matafua's camp. The captain of an American man-of-war protested, but seeing his protest

disregarded, opened fire on the Olga. The shell burst between decks, doing much damage. The Olga then directed a torpedo at the American man-of-war, blowing her up.

THE PROPOSED CONFERENCE.

BERLIN, March 7.—The *Boersen Zeitung* says: "The United States has proposed to refer that portion of the Samonn question concerning Germany and the United States

alone to arbitration. Germany is not averse to this; but adheres to the opinion that the conference to be continued in Berlin should settle the questions involving Germany, Great Britain and the United States."

ENGLAND'S POSITION.
 London, March 7.—In the house of commons to-day, the parliamentary secretary for the foreign office said that the government had not heard of any truce being estab-

The Oregonian.

PORTLAND, FRIDAY, MARCH 3.

AN INEVITABLE CONSEQUENCE.

Not Row, father of prohibition, publishes in the leading prohibition organ of the country, The Voice, a letter on the liquor traffic in Portland. Mr. Prohibition, he declares, is "thoroughly effective when enforced," and "he thinks it could be enforced without the aid of the army or navy."

There is no effective enforcement of the law here, though sporadic attempts are occasionally made for that direction, but nothing is done here to reduce the number of low, rife, liquor houses, which inflict a vast mischief upon our people.

We think, therefore, that the people don't want the law enforced. This, undoubtedly, is the fact, or it would be enforced. When people take note of this fact, and hence do not waste time and energy in a futile, foolish and barren effort. But General Dow goes on:

"I am sorry to say that the churches here are responsible for all the sin, shame, crime and misery coming from the liquor traffic. I had almost said that the churches here are responsible for all the sin, shame, crime and misery coming from the liquor traffic. I had almost said that the churches here are responsible for all the sin, shame, crime and misery coming from the liquor traffic."

Probably there is exaggeration here, but true part of the statement, no doubt, is true. The truth there is in it simply connects the reason that prohibition, by setting the standard of morality and morals, has deeply corrupted the people, made them dissimular and hypocrites, undermined the foundations of morality in private and public life, and made thereby a great deal of mischief. The result of this is a natural result of the system of evasion, hypocrisy and dissimulation that prohibition creates need not be doubted. The result could not, indeed, be anything else. If it could, it would be a contradiction. It is not a stronger indictment than that formulated in this letter by General Dow. It is all the more striking from his total want of consciousness of the cause of the corruption and degeneration he deplors.

POLITICAL POINTERS.

The return of two democrats from West Virginia to the Fifty-first congress will leave the republicans only a narrow majority of three, which is not enough to prevent filibustering, but any majority affords opportunity to examine contested cases, and that is what the republicans are anxious to do. The republicans are anxious to do. The republicans are anxious to do. The republicans are anxious to do.

If the senate has only one vote to exploit upon, and the house only three, the administration of the two Democrats, Montana and Washington, if they all go republican, will give the republicans a strong sense of injury in not being cheerfully admitted by the ruling democratic party, and recognize that they finally owe their admission to republican sympathy. Then they have a new administration, and a strong sense of injury in not being cheerfully admitted by the ruling democratic party, and recognize that they finally owe their admission to republican sympathy.

These new states will bring positive strength to the party to which they owe it, and will be rejoicing throughout the farthest West because there is strength added to its forces. The republican party returns to power, as the New York Sun says, "with a clean bill of health, and is better entitled to confidence than ever before in its career, because the investigation of its opponents has confirmed its claim for prudent and honest management."

The loss of the British bark Port Gordon, off Cape Flattery, on the 27th of February, was exceedingly disastrous. Her cargo was mainly of railroad iron, live brick and cement, and it was estimated that she would delay for six or seven months important industries that were awaiting its arrival. The exceptionally mild weather that has prevailed throughout the North Pacific coast region for the past few days has been a surprise to be heard with surprise. The wreck was the most disastrous, both to life and property, that has taken place in North-western waters for many months. Had it occurred near the mouth of Columbia, there would have been a sudden revival of the "graveyard" stories which for years constituted the chief stock in trade of Puget sound/papers when attempting to figure the coast and the history of it. It is not surprising that the coast of Washington territory it will doubtless be declared that it was the result of bad seamanship, or the visitation of Providence.

The manifest reluctance with which Mrs. Cleveland vacated the White house has been somewhat severely commented upon by the press. Her disappointment was most natural, and it is not surprising that she should not say execrable, lusts. In marrying her stolid, grog and phlegmatic husband, she married the president. She left Washington with the same phlegmatic animal, but in a new place, and she was not so far from her old home as she was. The reluctance is so obvious that while it is not possible to sympathize with her, it is impossible not to understand the situation. The only strange part of the matter is that being naturally a well-to-do woman, she was so far from her old home as she was. The reluctance is so obvious that while it is not possible to sympathize with her, it is impossible not to understand the situation. The only strange part of the matter is that being naturally a well-to-do woman, she was so far from her old home as she was.

Halford, private secretary to the president, is described as a slender man of medium height, with a light mustache, and a balding forehead. He is both firm and kindly. It is said, further, that he might be mistaken for a pedagogue, a bank cashier, an editor or a student, and that he "dresses quietly, wears glasses, and has a firm way of carrying himself, and a hesitating way of speaking." This last quality will make him invaluable in the position he occupies between the president and the public, if he only understands the situation. The only strange part of the matter is that being naturally a well-to-do woman, she was so far from her old home as she was.

The four new states to come into the Union after a long months voted in November 1898, as follows:

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